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SUBJECT: LESOTHO'S TENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO
KING MOSHOESHOE II ON OCCASION OF LESOTHO'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF INDEPENDENCE, OCTOBER 4.

QUOTE: YOUR MAJESTY: IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF MY COUNTRY'S
INDEPENDENCE, I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO EXTEND TO YOUR MAJESTY AND THE

PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO MY OWN BEST WISHES AND THOSE OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF THE TENTH ANNIVER-
SARY OF LESOTHO'S INDEPENDENCE. WE HAVE ADMIRERD YOUR VALIANT
AND COMMENDABLE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND THOSE OF YOUR PEOPLE
DURING THE FIRST DECADE OF INDEPENDENCE AND ARE PLEASED TO HAVE
BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SUPPORTING THOSE EFFORTS TO BUILD A
BETTER LIFE FOR ALL IN YOUR COUNTRY. AS LESOTHO ENTERS ITS SECOND
DECADE OF INDEPENDENCE, MAY THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERA-
TION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES CONTINUE TO BE
STRENGTHENED.

AS YOUR MAJESTY IS WELL AWARE, DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS PROBLEMS
BESET ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, THREATENING THE PEACE AND WELFARE
OF MANY COUNTRIES. I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE
YOUR MAJESTY OF AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO WORK TOGETHER WITH
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AFRICAN LEADERS TOWARD PEACEFUL AND EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE

PROBLEMS BASED UPON FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY FOR ALL.
UNQUOTE.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL IN TIME TO TRANSMIT MESSAGE
NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1.
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